

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Item No. 1.E
Mtg. Date September 20, 2016
Dept. Public Works

Item Title: **Preparation and Submittal of the Urban Rivers Grant Application**

Staff Contact: Mike James, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) approving the preparation and submittal of the Urban Rivers Grant Application.

Item Summary:

The Urban Rivers Grant Program is a state funded program through Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Act). California voters passed the Act, authorizing the Legislature to appropriate twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the California Natural Resources Agency for green infrastructure that conserves water, buffers climate change impacts, improves water quality, water supply, public health, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and energy demand, restores, and protects rivers, creeks and streams. Eligible projects must be located in an urban area and meet two of the following objectives:

- Promote Groundwater Recharge and Water Reuse,
- Reduce Energy Consumption,
- Use Soils, Plants, and Natural Processes to Treat Runoff,
- Create, or Restore Native Habitat, and
- Increase Regional and Local Resiliency and Adaptability to Climate Change.

Staff identified two eligible project sites along the Bakersfield and San Altos channels (**Attachment A – Exhibit 1**). This project seeks to protect and improve water quality, mitigate any safety and health hazards and restore the channels to their natural state by removing the invasive species, removing health hazards such as trash, debris, and vermin and restoring native materials. Staff requests that the City Council adopt the attached resolution (**Attachment B**) of support for the City's application due to California Natural Resources Agency no later than October 3, 2016.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Environmental Review:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

Public Information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 300 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting | |

Attachments:

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| A. Staff Report | B. Resolution |
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LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Staff Contact: **Mike James, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director**

Discussion:

In June 2016, the State of California authorized the California Urban Rivers Grant (CURG) Program. As defined in the grant guidelines, the California Natural Resources Agency is the agency responsible for developing and implementing the program.

The grant provides funding to implement more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure. Project areas authorized by CURG program must be located within an urban area.

Proposed Project

Staff took into account the expected outcomes of the CURG program and available project areas in the City to identify the Bakersfield Channel and the San Altos Channel as eligible project sites. If the resolution is approved, staff will submit an application that will protect and improve water quality, mitigate any safety and health hazards, and restore the channels to its natural state by removing the invasive species, removing health hazards such as trash, debris, and vermin and restoring native materials.

Staff's cost estimate for this project is \$522,500. An estimated project cost breakdown is listed below:

Description	Amount
Rehabilitation Costs	\$450,000
Inspections Costs	\$25,000
Project Contingency ~ 10%	\$47,500
Total	\$522,500

Submittal of Grant Application

The CURG program anticipates two funding cycles with approximately \$9.3 million available to award in each cycle. There are no minimum grant amounts for this grant program. Staff's cost estimate for this project is an estimate based on recent channel improvement project costs completed in the City. Staff remains cautiously optimistic that the final project cost will remain the same or decrease.

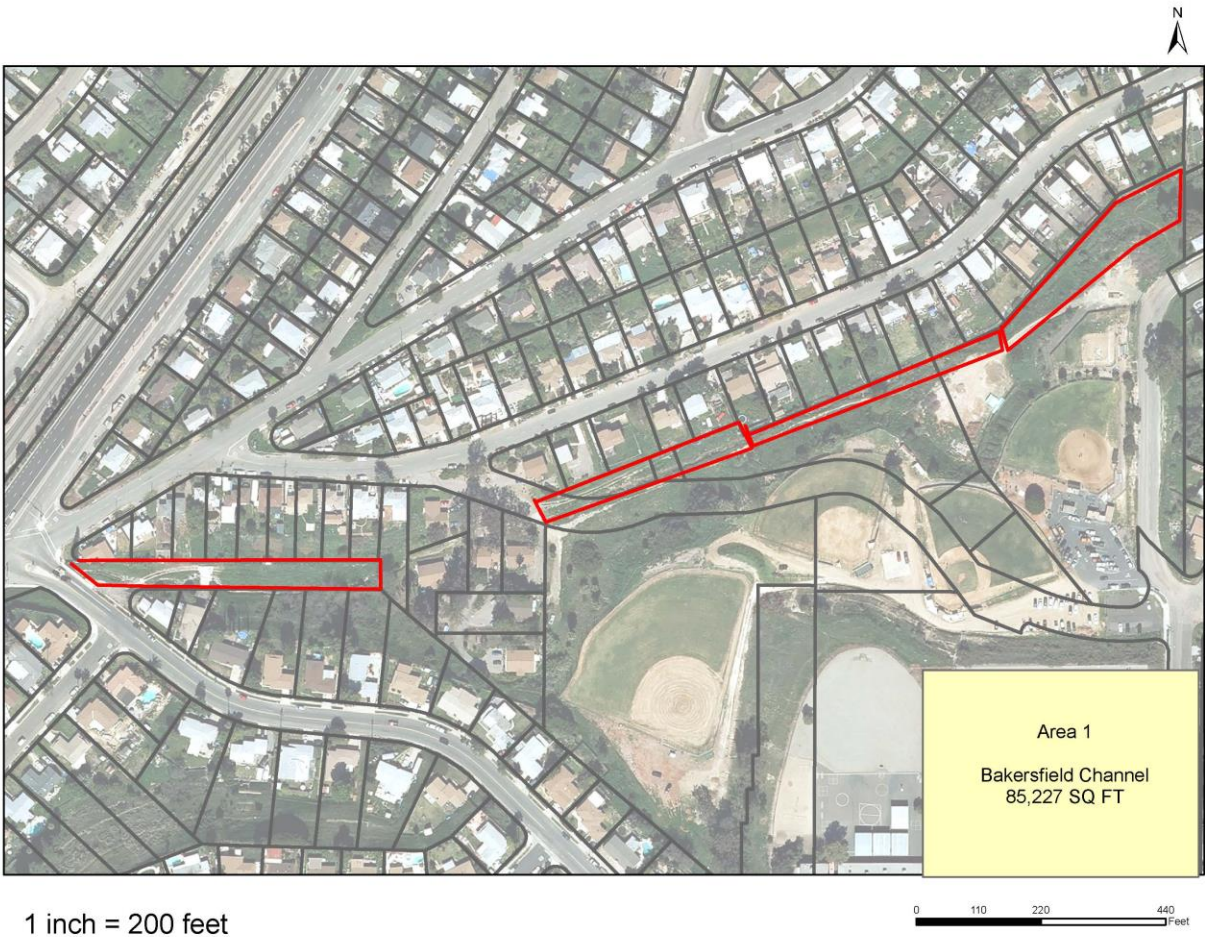
To strengthen the City's grant application, staff proposes a 10 percent matching amount from TransNet Funds. After completing the grant application, staff will submit the package to the California Natural Resources Agency for review. The California Natural Resources Agency is expected to review and approve all grant applications by Spring 2017.

Attachment A

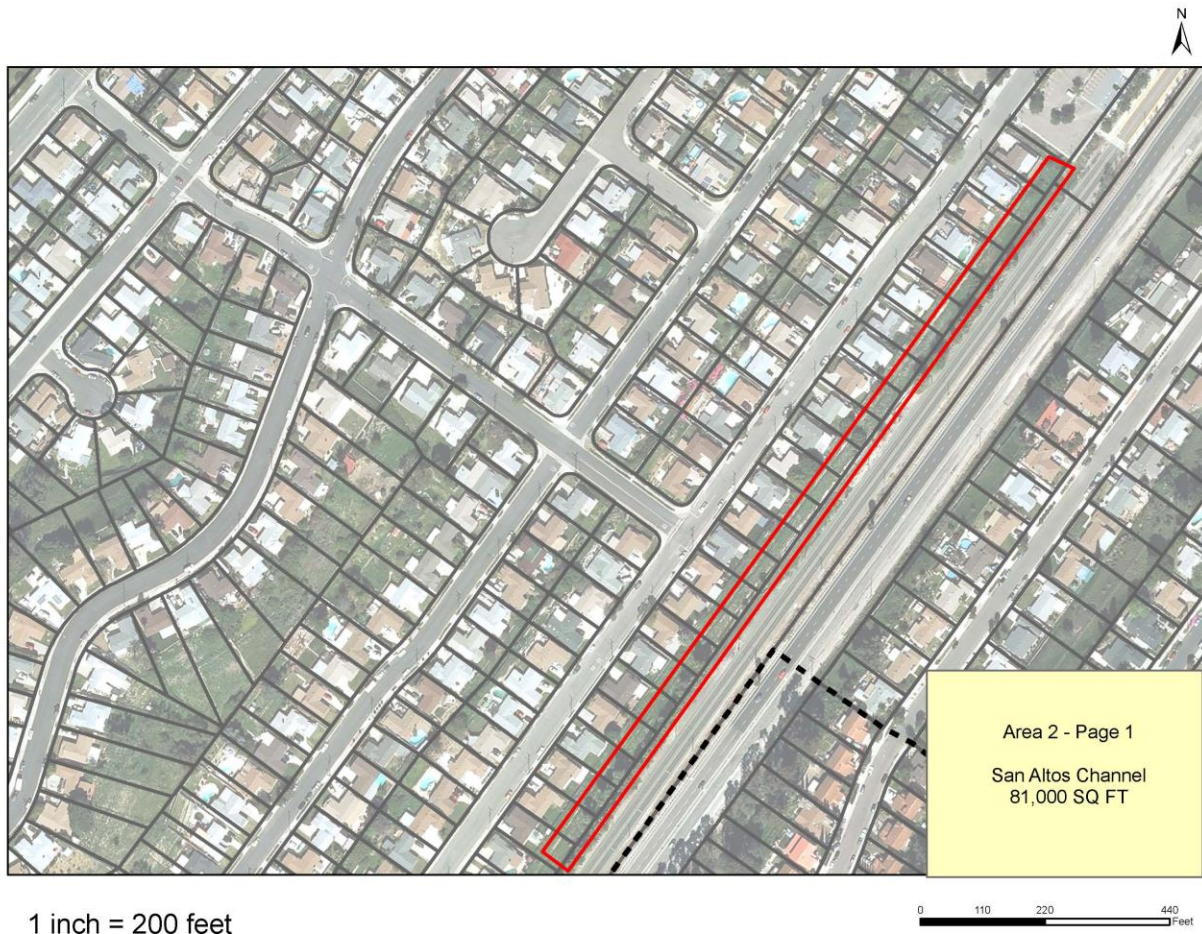
Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopts a resolution (**Attachment B**) approving the preparation and submittal of the Urban Rivers Grant Application.

Attachment A – Exhibit 1



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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE URBAN RIVERS GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove has a need to improve the Bakersfield and San Altos Channels; and

WHEREAS, removing invasive species, removing health hazards such as trash, debris, and vermin and restoring native materials will protect and improve water quality, mitigate any safety and health hazards, and restore the channels to their natural state; and

WHEREAS, the cost to improve said channels is beyond the City's financial capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply for a grant for State financial assistance through the Urban Rivers Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the grant are to implement more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated with the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project; and

WHEREAS, the identified projects are estimated to cost \$550,000 to complete; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to designate supplemental funds, as needed, to participate in a project that will improve two channels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the California Urban Rivers Grant Program; and
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and,

Attachment B

4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and,
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and,
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1, and
7. Appoints the City Manager or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).]

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